

## Technical Assistance for Developing Career Pathways

### Background

Career Pathways provide an organizational and systemic framework for aligning education, workforce, social services and economic development. The federal agencies of Labor, Education, and Health and Human Services issued a joint guidance (<http://www2.ed.gov/about/offices/list/ovae/ten-attachment.pdf>) encouraging states to align resources to support integrated service delivery across Federal and state funding streams. The guidance also encourages States to ensure that interested partners and agencies – whether focused on education, workforce development or human and social services – were aware of this joint commitment for improved collaboration and coordination. The Technical Assistance for Developing Career Pathways project helps states further develop and scale their career pathways initiatives, by leveraging existing tools and resources, such as the Adult Education Policy to Performance Initiative and the Department of Labor's (DOL) Career Pathways Technical Assistance Initiative. State coaches and an experienced advisory committee will guide the project and delivery of technical assistance.

### Overview

The Technical Assistance for Developing Career Pathways project was awarded to Kratos Learning Solutions Inc. (KLS), Abt. Associates (Abt.) and CORD Communications Inc. (CORD) who will serve as subcontractors on this project. Under the direction of the Office of Vocational and Adult Education (OVAE), these partners will develop three tiers of technical assistance for States to streamline, expedite and accelerate the implementation of career pathways according to their current level of career pathways implementation and the extent of technical assistance that they would like to receive. The contracting team will also develop an Affiliate Network which will act as an information dissemination service to connect interested stakeholders to career pathways resources available across federal agencies, organizations, and pathway-focused initiatives. The project period is September 2013 to September 2016.

### Project Milestones

- Convene a subject matter advisory committee
- Recruit technical assistance coaches
- Develop and implement three tiers of technical assistance activities
- Develop and implement a career pathway affiliate network

### Outcomes and Products

- Catalog of technical assistance tools
- Multi-state/multi-partner affiliate network

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